Grant to Chhattisgarh Government for various Projects

1842. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount given as grant by the Ministry to state Government of Chhattisgarh during the last three years for various projects;

(b) whether State Government used this grant to the particular projects or diverted this funds to the other projects; and

(c) whether State Government has submitted expenditure account in time to the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The details of amount given as grant by the Ministry to State Government of Chhattisgarh during the last three years for various projects is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) No instance of diversion of fund to a project other than the sanctioned project has come to the notice of the Central Government.

(c) Yes, Sir, except in the case of Environmental Education in School System Project, where expenditure account is awaited for the fund released during 2003-04.

Statement

Details of amount given as grant by the Ministry to State Government of Chhattisgarh

(Rs, in lakhs)

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme	Amount released/ allocated during the last three years
1	2	3
1	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	424.90
2	Industrial Pollution Prevention Project	158.27

1	2	3
3	Association of STs and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Basis	64.71
4	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	88.20
5	Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Projects Scheme	37.05
6	Non Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants	90.00
7	Forest Fire Control & Management/Integrated Forest Protection Scheme	355.00
8	Project Tiger	147.73
9	Eco Development Project	24.70
10	National Afforestation Programme	1686.00
11	Environmental Education in School System Project	71.50

Tribal Settlements in Forest Villages

1843. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many tribal settlements that exist within or adjacent to forests that are legally classified as forest villages;

(b) if so, the details of number of such villages as on date, State-wise, district-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether above tribal settlements are denied basic developmental inputs that revenue villages are entitled to;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any guidelines were issued to relevant States during the'year 1990 to convert forest villages into revenue villages; and

(f) if so, the details of forest villages converted into revenue villages after the above guidelines, State-wise, district-wise and year-wise?